MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Laguna Madre Water District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, April 22, 2026
5:30 PM – 6:23 PM
Board Room
105 Port Rd. Port Isabel, TX 78578

1. The Chairman calls the meeting to order, determines the presence of a quorum, and notices that the meeting has been duly posted as required by law.

Chairman, Scott Friedman initiated the meeting by confirming the presence of a quorum. With all members in attendance, the official status of the meeting was established.

PRESENT
Scott Friedman, Chairman
Adam Lalonde, Vice-Chairman **entered at 5:31PM**
David "Dave" Boughter, Director
William "Bill" Donahue, Director

ABSENT
Jason Starkey, Secretary

LMWD STAFF
Noe Cantu, Interim General Manager
Brian Hansen, Attorney
Charles Ortiz, District Engineer
Eduardo Salazar, Director of Finance
Enrique Samaniego, Purchasing Agent
Mary Gamboa, Human Resources
Joel Lopez, Superintendent
Brandon Edge, Information Tech Specialist
Ana Lopez, Executive Secretary

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance. District Engineer Charles Ortiz led the invocation.

3. Invitation to the Audience for Public Comments

Interim General Manager Noe Cantu wanted to share that there will be two retirees this month. Bartolo Perez will be retiring 4/30/26 after 15 years of service and Evelyn Saldivar on 4/27/26 after 23 years of service.

4. Consider and discuss for possible approval the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting and the Regular Meeting held on April 08, 2026. (Correction from listed date of April 02, 2026) (N. Cantu)

Moved By W. Donahue, **Seconded** By A. Lalonde.
Motion: Move to Approve
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. General Manager's Report

- Reservoir Levels
  - N. Cantu stated the Reservoir levels are currently at 26.7 combined.
- General Manager position update status
  - Position has been posted on social media, Indeed, and on the Port Isabel Press. The board requested the deadline for accepting applications be June 30th.
- Texas Water Development Board Desalination video
- Water Rights usage update
  - Our current water usage at end of March for the 1st Qtr. is 2,360AWR. Our annual Authorized Water Right is 5,946AWR, usage is about 40% at the moment. Water is being used faster than in previous years. Options for leasing from other entities have started. Equipment failure is a possibility for high usage numbers; it will be investigated to verify.

6. District Engineer's Report

- Performance Progress Report for Port Isabel Seawater Desalination Treatment Facility; Bureau of Reclamation
  - Report is due April 30, 2026
- Rehabilitation of Elevated Storage Tank #3 – Huisache
  - Currently developing contract documents, technical specifications and drawing to restore elevated storage tank.

7. Director of Finance Report

- Investment update
  - E. Salazar provide a brief update on four (4) CDs that matured in November 2025 as well as four (4) CDs that matured in February 2026 that were reinvested.

8. Consider and discuss the possible approval of the Budget Amendment to establish Fund 15-Seawater Desalination Construction. (E. Salazar)

E. Salazar stated the sale of bonds for the Seawater Desalination closed in November 2025, resulting in a need in establishing new fund for the construction of the Seawater Desalination project.

Moved By A. Lalonde, **Seconded** By D. Boughter.
Motion: Move to Approve
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Consider and discuss possible approval Monthly Financial Report for January 2026. (E. Salazar)

E. Salazar shared the financial for January 2026, highlighting Revenue is up. There is an up-tick in water sales due to lowering irrigation restrictions.

The Board acknowledged the monthly financial report.

10. Consider and discuss for possible approval for asphalt services Laguna Blvd., South Padre Island. (E. Samaniego)

E. Samaniego stated after receiving proposals for asphalt services references were contacted. After a conference call with Don Blum from the City of South Padre Island; JC Construction was awarded the job for $14,760.00 with 1 year warranty on material and work.

Moved By D. Boughter, **Seconded** By A. Lalonde
Motion: Move to Approve
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

11. **Consider and review Expenditures from April 01, 2026, to April 15, 2026. (N. Cantu)**

The Expenditures were provided for review and acknowledged by the board.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION permitted by the Open Meetings Act, VTCA, Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., Under Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney; under Section 551.072, Deliberation about Real Property:**

A. **Discussion concerning Lift Station Rehabilitation Project with Mor-Wil, LLC.**

Mr. Scott Friedman,Chairman of the Laguna Madre Water District's Board of Directors, took the following action: that an Executive Session be included on the agenda for the said meeting, which was duly posted at the office of the District, authorizing the holding of such a closed or Executive Session.

The Chairman entertained the motion to enter into Executive Session. A. Lalonde moved, with D. Boughter seconding, to initiate the **Executive Session** at **6:02 PM**. W. Donahue put forth a motion, seconded by A. Lalonde, to adjourn the **Executive Session** at **6:22 PM.** The only matters discussed during the Executive Session were addressed by the Board of Directors, who then proceeded to the next agenda item.

13. **Consider and action on EXECUTUVE SESSION item(s), if necessary.**
Moved By A. Lalonde, **Seconded** By D. Boughter.
Motion Direct counsel to proceed with settlement discussions.

14. **Adjournment**

No additional business remained; the meeting was adjourned at **6:23 PM**.

SCOTT

SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CHAIRMAN

DAVID BOUGHTER, DIRECTOR

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF MAY 2026.